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**Alabama power co-op brings fiber to its rural customers**

There are two questions that residents of [Cullman County \(AL\)](#) ask Cullman Electric's Bonnie Baty and Brian Lacy nearly every day: "Why don't I have Sprout Fiber?" and "When is Sprout Fiber coming to my house?" Baty and Lacy, both employees of Cullman Electric, a rural Alabama electric cooperative, have played key roles in getting the co-op to upgrade its power operations by deploying fiber – and at the same time, providing high-speed Internet to its members, many of which have no other alternatives. Cullman Electric launched its fiber business, called Sprout Fiber Internet, in November 2020 and connected its first paying customer in January 2021. Today, Sprout has just over 1,000 broadband customers and is handling about 12 activations per day.

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**DeSantis orders Florida official to investigate Facebook for 'alleged election interference'**

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) has instructed Secretary of State Laurel Lee to investigate Facebook for "alleged election interference." The investigation follows [The Wall Street Journal's explosive report](#) entitled The Facebook Files, which said that, among multiple other accusations, some VIP users were exempt from the social media giant's policies during the 2020 election under a program called "cross check." According to the Journal's report, millions of those users — mostly celebrities, journalists and politicians — were not subject to Facebook's usual standards of behavior. "It's no secret that Big Tech censors have long enforced their own rules inconsistently," DeSantis [said in a press release](#). "If this new report is true, Facebook has violated Florida law to put its thumb on the scale of numerous state and local races. Floridians deserve to know how much this corporate titan has influenced our elections."

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